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Entire Crew "Out" With Influenza

Scapa Flow, Jan. 15.
After Dr. J. B. Gordon, a local physician, had liberally dosed them with an anti-pneumonia preparation, the crew of the Swedish steamer "Torsa" sailed their ship out of harbour today on their way to Vallvik, Sweden.

The doctor was M. and B. given during the war years to Mr. Winston Churchill. An epidemic of influenza swept the ship yesterday as she was two days out of Glasgow and some members of the crew had temperatures as high as 39.5 degrees Centigrade. Only the master, Captain Jappsen, escaped the illness. Singlehanded he took his ship first into port at South Ronaldsay and then into Scapa Flow through a heavy sea was running. Dr. Gordon said: "The crew were young fellows—mostly Swedes, but there was a Pole and a Finn aboard. They have all suffered from the epidemic which they probably picked up in Glasgow, where they were ashore for a fortnight. In a day or two they will be up and working."—Reuter.

Bus Stolen From Ferry

Two Europeans, dressed in khaki uniforms, stole a bus from outside the Star Ferry in Kowloon last night. This is according to the driver of the bus, No. 4229, who reported to the police that at 10 p.m. two Europeans hauled him out of the driver's seat and drove the vehicle away. The bus was later found abandoned and undamaged in Granville Road.

Poles And Russians Reject U.S. Note

London, Jan. 15.
The Polish Government, in a note, has rejected the United States Government's views on next Sunday's Polish elections, stating that "further consideration of the matter is not justified," a U.S. Department of State official told a press conference in Washington today. The Polish Note said the United States "fears" in the note to Poland were apparently based on distorted facts and unfounded reproaches raised by antidemocratic elements working in Poland.

Priests Murdered

Shanghai, Jan. 16.
Two Roman Catholic Franciscan missionaries, accused of being American spies, have been brutally murdered by Chinese Communists in Yentou, about 60 miles to the east of the railway city of Hsuehufu in North Kiangsu, according to an official report received here today.

They were Brother Benedict Jensen, 54-year-old Copenhagen born member of the Californian Franciscan Mission at Santa Barbara, and 36-year-old Father Augustine Holsum of Aachen. Although the slayings took place on Jan. 1, report of the incident only reached here today.

Breaking into the American Mission compound, a group of Communists tied up the two missionaries, after charging them with being American spies, and then set on them with sticks, daggers, swords and other weapons. When found some hours later, Holsum's body was covered with over twenty stab wounds, his skull split and his face almost unrecognizable, while Jensen's body and face had about half a dozen stab wounds, including one in the throat. Brother Jensen was well known in California where he laboured for nearly twenty years before coming to China.

TILBURY DOCKERS STRIKE

Ninety Ships Lying Idle In Thames

KING CHRISTIAN ILL

Copenhagen, Jan. 15.
King Christian of Denmark is suffering from a cold and slight infection of the lungs, it was officially announced tonight.—Reuter.

British Treaties With China

Canton, Jan. 16.
The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, told a press conference today Britain was negotiating with China with a view to extending British air lines to China on a reciprocal basis.

He said a Sino-British trade treaty with most favored nation clauses was likely to be signed in the near future. Asked if Britain would help mediate the Kuomintang-Communist dispute, Sir Ralph said it was a matter that should best be settled by the Chinese people but if any foreigner were going to help he would be the United States Ambassador, Leighton Stuart.

Sir Ralph described General George C. Marshall's China report as an honest opinion made with the best of intentions.—Associated Press.

Feverish Efforts At Settlement

London, Jan. 16.
Supplies into London were virtually choked off today as dockers struck at Tilbury Docks, the city's last strike-free port of entry, making 22,000 workmen idle along the Thames. Twelve thousand dockers walked out at Tilbury in sympathy with some 60,000 truck drivers, dockers, stevedores, bargemen and market workers throughout Britain whose strike created the worst crisis in 18 months of the Labour Government.

Ninety ships, many bringing food to ration-short London, lay idle in the stretching expanse of the Thames waterfront along which only a few hundred men of the Port of London Authority's permanent staff were working. Labour leaders, whose unions staunchly refused to recognise the unofficial walkout, worked feverishly to have set aside yesterday's refusal by the strikers to return to work as Government stood firm in denying any further concessions.

The 30-man Central Strike Committee met this morning at East Smithfield in London's East End and adjourned shortly before noon to Transport House, headquarters of the powerful Trades Union Council, on an invitation to meet with the Executive Committee of the unions.

Government had already decided troops could be used to move commodities other than food and the Cabinet was expected to order troops in wherever disorganisation of transport was threatened.

Three hundred gunners from Woolwich Arsenal were sent to Smithfield Market today reinforcing the 3,000 soldiers from Guards Regiments, R.A.F. personnel and Navy men working there to move meat to London shops. About 1,400 service trucks streamed constantly from the market.

Guardsmen were sent to Covent Garden yesterday but were withdrawn without working. They had not appeared there today. Billingsgate fish market was almost deserted. One truckload of fish arrived and was unloaded by salesmen.

London's Position
Covent Garden was closer to normal today with considerable quantities of vegetables coming in and buyers taking them away in their own vehicles.

Troops were used in the market to handle vegetables but no servicemen or vehicles were being used to bring goods from railway stations.

Although dockers and stevedores both belong to the same union there is a distinct difference in their work. Dockers operate cranes, winches and other machinery at the docks while the stevedores do the actual heavy manual work.

London's food position today is as follows:
Meat—About 2,000 tons of London's normal 5,600 tons weekly needs had been distributed by last night.

Bread—Many bakers were running out of flour but there was no great danger of a bread shortage this week-end.

Vegetables are becoming scarce with some retailers rationing customers to as little as one-half pound although two pounds per person was more usual. Vegetable supplies were loaded but not transported to shops.

Liverpool Walkout
Fish supplies are not seriously affected and are chiefly scarce due to storms.

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HER LAST VOYAGE

Honolulu, Jan. 15.
A Pearl Harbor victim, the old battleship "Oklahoma," will be moved tomorrow into the naval anchorage at Pearl Harbor to be fitted for her last trip—in the mainmast and the ship's hull at the Moore Drydock Co. and. Sunk in the first ten minutes of the Japanese sneak attack, the "Oklahoma" was wrecked in 1943 and stripped of her superstructure and turrets.—United Press.

U.S. Marine Plane Shot Down

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
The "Ta Kung Pao" from Tientsin said today that a United States Marine plane was shot down near Kaiping, along the Peiping-Mukden railway, 75 miles northeast of Tientsin, at 2 p.m. Monday.

The pilot was said to be seriously wounded, according to the paper. It said Marine authorities sent 40 officers and other ranks on an armoured train which left Tientsin at 5:58 p.m. to rescue the pilot and investigate the incident. It said the plane was shot down by ground fire, the origin of which was not mentioned. Chinese Red guerrilla bands are known to be roaming in that area which is close to Tangshan, the coal mining district which was formerly guarded by the Marines.—United Press.

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The date for the extension of the service to China has not yet been determined.—Associated Press.

Dutch Action Against British Ship

Batavia, Jan. 15.
The Captain of the British merchantman "Empire May Rover," Gilbert Kent, of Chingford, London, said in Batavia yesterday that the Netherlands Navy "without explanation," intercepted his vessel on January 8, placed armed guards aboard, and forced the ship to leave the Nationalist-held port of Cheribon under the escort of a Dutch corvette.

"I have still been given no reason for the Dutch action," said Captain Kent, on arrival in Batavia. "We shall demand the fullest possible damages."

Captain Kent said the vessel was on its way to Perth, carrying 35 motor cars from Singapore, when it became apparent that the vessel would not be able to complete the voyage because of engine trouble.

The Chinese charterer decided to sell the cargo in Cheribon after the Captain's arrival there.

The corvette intercepted the "Empire May Rover" after 24 motor cars had been unloaded, said Captain Kent. An officer and six ratings were placed aboard and the vessel was ordered to proceed to Dutch-held Semarang under escort.

At Semarang, Captain Kent continued, the vessel was searched. Nothing was found. "I was then given written orders to proceed to Batavia without touching any Nationalist port, although I wanted to return to Cheribon to finish unloading," he added.

Formal Protest
Captain Kent conferred at length with the Consul-General, Mr. Gilbert MacKereth, who on

Worked For Nazi Radio

London, Jan. 15.
Cedric Sebastian Steane, 53-year-old British film actor, was today sentenced to three years' penal servitude at Old Bailey Central Criminal Court for entering the service of the German radio system during the war. The second of his trial that he used the name of Jack Trevor for 5 1/2 years. He had pleaded not guilty to all charges in a nine-count indictment, which also alleged that he had prepared manuscripts for broadcasting to the Germans and helped in the production of a German propaganda film. He received an average of £2 a week from the Germans for his work, he said, and denied any intention of assisting the Germans. What he did was under duress, he claimed. In May, 1941, after he had refused to take part in broadcasting, he was visited by three Gestapo men, and had an ear almost torn off, he said.—Reuter.

Mayon Eruption

Manila, Jan. 15.
Three hemp plantation employees at the village of Malipot near Libog, on the northeast approach to the erupting Mayon Volcano, were reported overcome by lava and fumes and asphyxiated, according to reports reaching here.

An "Evening News" correspondent quoted Governor Venancio P. Ziga as the authority for the first fatalities of the eruption. At the same time, a "Manila Times" correspondent at Legaspi said more than 200 lepers at the Legaspi Leprosarium tearfully begged the Government authorities not to abandon them as they had been during an eruption during the Japanese occupation.

Frightened by the violent eruptions of the volcano, more than 20 lepers already have escaped, and a "Times" correspondent said Dr. Domingo Dini, the leprosy physician, was reported to have left recently and was said to be in Manila. Earlier, three farmers at Malipot were reported scorched while working in the fields.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

A compact series of depression centered over the N. Yellow Sea, Shanghai and E. of Hong Kong are moving eastward. The anti-cyclone over Japan is weakening but another is developing over NW China. Pressure remains relatively low in the sectorial regions.
Today's Forecast—Light or moderate E. winds, slightly but improving during the day; mist, with local fog at dawn; warmer.
Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 64.8 deg. F.
Minimum: 60.7 deg. F.
Sunshine: 0.2 hours
Rainfall: 8.2 mm. Total since Jan. 1: 84.5 mm. as against an average of 16.4 mm.
Readings at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
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Rel. Humidity 82. 84 %
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Wind Force 15 7 knots.

Governor-General "Down Under"

Sydney, Jan. 15.
Controversy flared up again today over the suggested appointment of Mr. William John McKell, Labour Premier of New South Wales, to succeed the Duke of Gloucester as Governor-General of Australia.

The British Empire Union has telegraphed to Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, saying: "The British Empire Union in Australia implores you to take a long view before committing yourself to the appointment of any active party politician to represent the King in Australia. The snags in the stream of unity are already too numerous." Mr. Robert Menzies, Leader of the Opposition, raising the matter in the House of Representatives yesterday for the second time in

MARTYRDOM IN INDO-CHINA

Tokyo, Jan. 16.
Japan's Gestapo—the Kempeitai—conducted in French Indo-China a reign of terror early in 1943 when Japanese troops suddenly attempted to strengthen their hold on the area in order to prepare for America's growing offensive in the South Pacific, according to evidence in the war crimes court here.

French and Indo-Chinese women "suffered a hideous martyrdom," said one affidavit introduced by the assistant French prosecutor, Major Roger Depo.

Women were often violated in front of their husbands. Indo-Chinese girls who opposed Japanese rule were forced into Japanese Army brothels. Following the style of terror familiar among all Japanese-subjugated peoples, French and Indo-Chinese prisoners of war and civilians were beaten to death, massacred, looted, raped and beheaded by the Japanese.

The survivor of one massacre told how men, women and children were lined up in a trench by the Japanese, then executed by rifle fire. The number of deaths was not given.

Split Son's Skull
In her affidavit, the survivor said: "I received the first bullet in my left side and fell to the ground. A second bullet broke my left arm and split my son's skull while I was holding him in my arms."

An Indo-Chinese girl, describing the reign of terror in her own village, said in her sworn statement, "I also saw two carts filled with corpses."—United Press.

Frank Confession

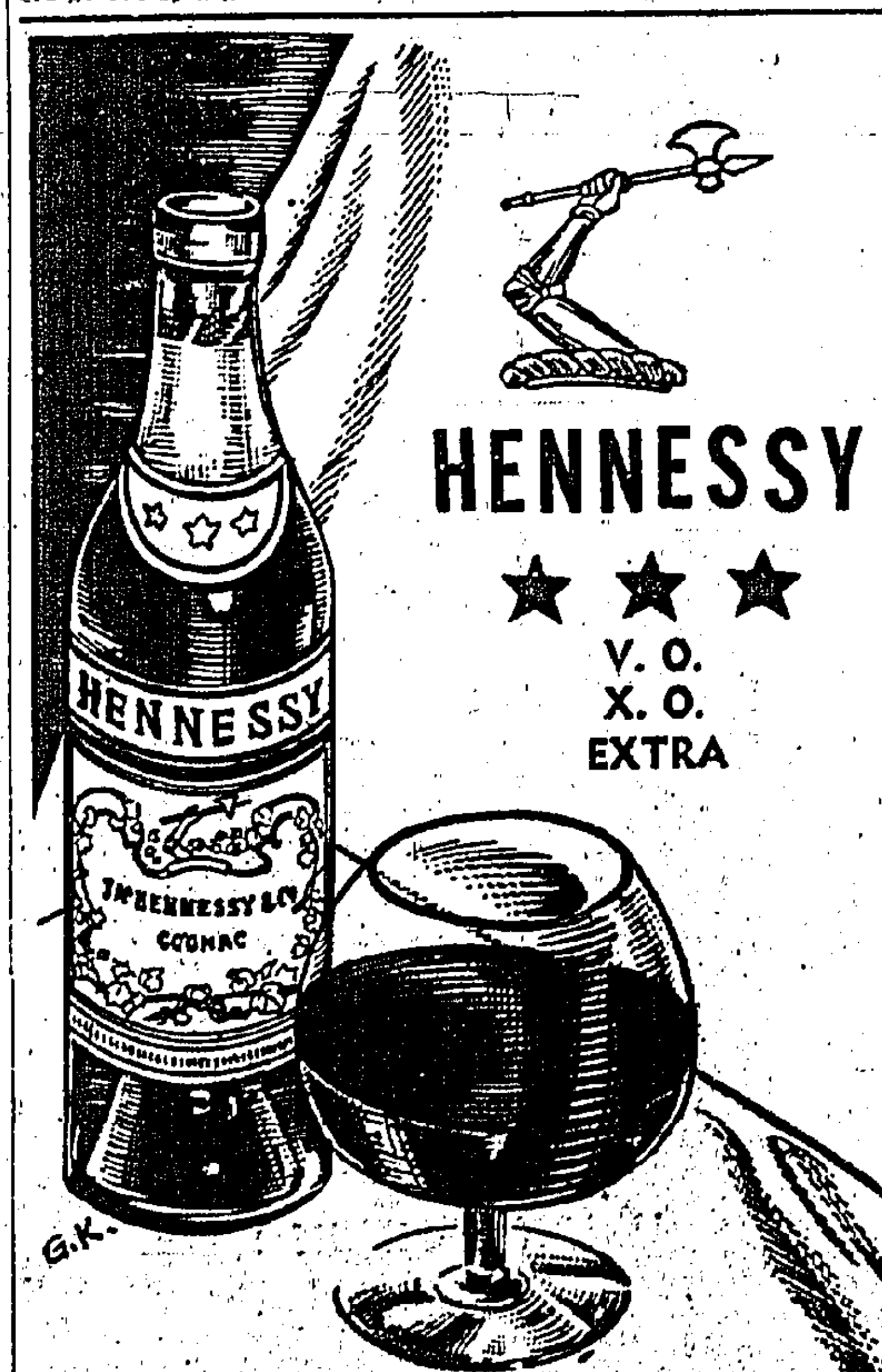
Tokyo, Jan. 16.
Confession of a Japanese Army Captain that he chopped off the heads of 37 captive French and Indo-Chinese soldiers, killed 20 French officers with a revolver and raped a French woman at Hanoi, French Indo-China, in March 1945 was read to the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

The confession was the frankest yet placed before the tribunal during a hearing on atrocity evidence taken by French war crimes investigators at Saigon last December. The officer was identified only as Captain Furukawa, 28, of a company of the 226 regiment which entered Hanoi when the Japanese Army seized Indo-China only six months before the war's end.

"I was afraid of a revolt of my prisoners," Furukawa said, in explaining his decision to execute the group of 40 French and Indo-Chinese soldiers who had surrendered. "One by one I made my prisoners go out by a gate... I decapi-

POLICE H.Q. BURGLED

Paris, Jan. 16.
The police reluctantly revealed today that burglars on Tuesday night broke into the Paris Police Headquarters and ransacked several evidence files.—United Press.



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Helena May Bill

The Helena May Institute was formally incorporated under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance yesterday as the Bill providing for its incorporation passed the second and third reading in Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Watson, moving the second reading, said that when it was discovered that the Institute as formerly constituted was no longer able to function, a discussion took place between him and the Hon. Mr. Hazlerigg (acting for the Government) as to the best manner of reviving it. Both agreed on incorporation under the Companies Ordinance.

Mr. Watson got in touch with Mrs. Black, who was Chairman of the Institute Council before

the war, and she in turn consulted surviving lady members in England, resulting in unanimous approval of the incorporation scheme.

The Institute has now a new constitution which forms part of the Bill. The old constitution had a memorandum and articles of association, many provisions in which were out of date, having been framed in 1915 or 1918. The new constitution is clear and modern, and will prevent any possible legal in the future functioning of the Institute.

Lastly, said Mr. Watson, the original connection of the Institute with the wife of the Governor would be continued, as Lady Young had consented to be the original member of the Council.

Mr. Hazlerigg seconded both readings.

STORY OF ALLEGED EVENTS IN NATHAN ROAD STORE

FAREWELL TO R.A.F. POLICE

European members of Yau-mat Police Station were hosts at a farewell party to members of the R.A.F. Police who are leaving for home to-day as a mark of appreciation of valuable services rendered in the policing of Kowloon.

The R.A.F. guests were: Flt-Sergt. McBrien, Serjt. Price, Cpl. Foley, Lst. Murray, Serjt. Robertson, Serjt. Dennis and Serjt. Peates.

Tramways Ordinance

The Bill to revive the Ropes Company's Tramway Ordinance 1901 passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Hon. Attorney General, moving the first reading, said the Ordinance which this Bill sought to revive, was enacted in 1901, to give right to the Company to operate a tramway for ten years from Dec. 15, 1901.

Section 12 of the Ordinance gave power to the Governor-in-Council to extend the duration of this right beyond Dec. 15, 1911, for any period not exceeding ten years. As a result of subsequent amendments to the Ordinance, the right of the Company continued in force till Dec. 15, 1938, and by another order of the Governor in Council such right was further extended to Dec. 15, 1942.

The Japanese occupation of the Colony superseded, in consequence of which the Company was now operating the tramway without statutory force. The purpose of the Bill was to remedy this situation.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

The Ordinance to amend the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1936, passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Yue Keng-ho, fold of the Kuen Hing Cheung store of No. 648 Nathan Road, testified at the continued hearing of the case in which three seamen of the s.s. "Arundel Castle" are charged with the manslaughter of S/I Alexander Seddon Anderson on Christmas Day, gave a detailed account of what allegedly took place in the store prior to the death of the deceased officer in the reception room of the Kowloon Hospital.

Fifth witness called by the Crown, represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford assisted by DCI C. Mottram, Yue stated that between 9 and 10 p.m. on the night in question he saw three Europeans leaning against the glass of the store's show-window. Shortly afterwards, he saw another man dressed in European-style clothing, followed by two Chinese ladies dressed in long coats, passed by whereupon one of the Europeans shouted out to the ladies.

Not long after this, continued the witness, a European Inspector of police whom he knew came to the front of the shop and went up to the three men leaning against the glass. One of these men spoke to the Inspector who gestured to them to go away. The police officer was then struck on the face by one of the three men—the man who was wearing a coat. The Inspector did not retaliate, said witness, but approached him, witness, and asked if the shop had a telephone.

As the officer entered the store, declared witness, he was followed by two of those who were standing outside. On seeing this witness got scared and ran into the rear of the shop, while doing so, he said, he saw the man with the coat strike the police officer again causing the latter to reel against the glass jars on a shelf. After leaning against the jars for a little time the Inspector, asserted Yue, tottered across the shop in an attempt to get to the telephone, fell forward against the side of the mirror with his hands in front.

One of the folks, Lui Pat, tried to support the Inspector but failed to do so as the latter was too heavy—a weight, for him, said witness. The police officer then fell down in front of the show-case, at the back of the shop. Yue could not say whether the Inspector struck the ground as his view was obstructed by a counter.

Witness asserted that the deceased was struck by the man wearing a jacket only, and that the Inspector at no time, retaliated.

The first witness called when committal proceedings were continued yesterday was Chui Yuk-shing, conductor of Bus No. 5804, who told the Court that four Europeans, including the three accused, boarded his bus at the Granpian Road stop. As they staggered while going up the bus he came to the conclusion that they were somewhat drunk. On the bus the first defendant went up to one of the lady passengers and spoke to her. Shortly after, said witness, the same accused assaulted the assistant conductor, Wong Tak, who was standing near the entrance.

As the result of these incidents, continued witness, he instructed the driver to drive the vehicle to the Mong Kok Police Station. On arrival there he got off the bus and made a report to the constable on duty outside the door. Upon turning round to return to the bus, said witness, he saw the first accused strike one of the Europeans (not in Court). The

"PREGNANT WITH POSSIBILITIES"

Nanking, Jan. 15. The United States Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, will bring a new set of Government peace proposals to Kwan as soon as they are drawn up. Government negotiator Shao Li-tze announced last night.

Dr. Stuart, interviewed by Reuters, said that the latest developments on the Chinese political front seemed to be "pregnant with possibilities."

—Reuters.

other two defendants also got off the bus and walked away.

Marine Watling, S/Cdo, in his evidence, stated that when he offered to give the four European seamen a lift back to their ship from the Mong Kok Police Station he did not receive any direct reply, but heard the second accused say that he would rather go on. First defendant asked him, witness, what about Campbell (the man who was knocked down) and he replied that he was willing to drive him back to the ship. First accused then expressed a willingness to accompany witness but later on changed his mind.

Most Polite

Stanley, asserted witness, was most polite and thanked him for his help, and asked whether he would mind taking Campbell back to the "Arundel Castle". After that, continued witness, first accused left him to join his two pals who were walking off in the direction of the Star Ferry.

First defendant, asserted Marine Watling, spoke in a natural tone and appeared to be clear-headed although it was obvious that he had been drinking. Furthermore, he stood up straight when walking to witness.

Poon Po-cheung, the police constable on guard duty on the fatal night, corroborated the evidence given by previous witnesses up to the time when S/I Anderson left the Police Station. Continuing, witness said that about 10 or 15 minutes after the departure of Inspector Anderson a boy arrived on a bicycle and made a report to him as the result of which he immediately made a report to the Inspector on-duty. He then borrowed a bicycle and proceeded to Argyle Street, followed by two of his colleagues on foot, from where he went out to Nathan Road again. Being told by the crowd as to what had happened, he boarded a bus on which were the three accused.

Ran Away

On arrival of Police reinforcements, witness left the bus which was being driven back to the Police Station, and proceeded to No. 648 Nathan Road where he saw S/I Anderson lying on the pavement, unconscious. When the ambulance arrived, continued witness, he accompanied the Inspector to the Kowloon Hospital and was present when he died in the reception room.

P.S.I. Ng Kwan-chek testified that when he took the report of the bus incident up to S/I Anderson in his quarters he found the Inspector lying in bed. A few minutes after he had returned to the Charge Room, the deceased came down in civilian clothes, and on receiving the full report, went out to the Station door accompanied by witness from where they could see three Europeans standing near Fyfe Street.

Continuing, witness stated that "John" the Europeans ran, at a fair speed, down Nathan Road to the Yau-mat Police Station. He followed at a slower pace. Soon after that, said witness, he received a telephone message as the result of which he turned out the whole available force, both detectives and reserves.

After the testimony of Yue Keng-ho had been heard the case was adjourned until Monday. The case is being heard by Mr. Latimer. Defendants are Robert Stanley, 26, greaser, of Liverpool, Frederick Franks, 19, fireman, of Wokingham, and James Johnston, 32, fireman, of Glasgow.

H.K.V.D.C. FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Orders by Lt-Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., commanding the H.K.V.D.C. Ord. No. 3/47 dated January 16, 1947.

Payment of Family Allowances in respect of Volunteers, whose families were resident in enemy occupied territory during the war. Authority has now been received for the payment of full Family Allowances to Volunteers whose families were not interned and were resident in enemy occupied territory during the war. Arrangements will be made to pay Volunteers affected the balance due to them as soon as possible.

SAITO PASSING THE BUCK

Glancing over a document that had been handed him by the Court for perusal on application of his defence counsel, Mr. Hasegawa, Captain (Dr.) Saito told No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday that the document was a report sent to the POW Information Bureau in Tokyo, presumably by the Camp Commandant, and that it was a distortion of a report he had handed in to him on sanitary conditions in the POW Camps.

"I see here that the Camp Commandant not only did not agree with my opinions but distorted the facts in my reports," Saito said. "There are alterations in the report and he has added something of his own. The Camp Commandant, I think, actually wished to hide the bad sanitary conditions of the POW Camps."

With these words, Dr. Saito concluded his third day in the witness-box under examination-in-chief by his defence counsel after four hours of review of the medical situation in the POW Camps here during the occupation.

Saito said that in his opinion the nutritional deficiency diseases would not have gained ground on the POWs if the supplies of rations in the first six months of 1942 came in with the same regularity as they did afterwards. He expressed the opinion that if the total labour and non-labour rations had not been pooled in the POW kitchens for equal distribution, there would not have been as many cases of beri-beri, pellagra and other diseases arising from malnutrition as there were. The principal measure that he took about augmenting the food supply, he said, was the introduction of plots for the planting of papaya and banana at Shamshuipo and Argyle Street and by encouraging poultry and pig raising over this idea of his, Ing. Tokunaga himself showed Saito said.

In October, 1942, he conferred with Major Ashton-Rose on the subject and he remembered that doubt had been expressed in this interview that the Japanese would interfere with the plan. As an initial measure, bananas and papayas were planted in a small way.

In March, 1943, Saito said, the plan was adopted in a big way. In Shamshuipo Camp a plot of ground was allotted for the purpose of cultivation of 100 by 150 metres. Fowls were raised as well as pigs. By mid-1943 these had increased considerably in numbers and there were 200 chickens, 100 ducks and 50 pigs in the camp. In Argyle Street a plot of ground was made available across the street from the camp, originally of 40 by 60 metres, but later increased to 60 by 100 metres.

150 Eggs

The vegetables produced were given to the POWs as extra rations. Eggs were given to the patients in hospital and he remembered Major Ashton-Rose telling him on one occasion, "Today we received 150 eggs."

Parcels received by POWs from friends outside the Camps numbered about 300 weekly at Shamshuipo and about 60 at Argyle Street. These he considered a considerable help towards augmentation of the POW diet. A canteen was opened early in 1942.

Officers, according to their rank, received a certain amount of money which they could spend in these canteens and POWs on labour parties also received pay and were able to buy at the canteen. He presumed that food bought at the canteen was distributed among the other POWs, Saito said.

From the beginning of 1943, canteen prices having gone up and the scale of pay remaining the same, purchasing power fell. When the first Red Cross parcels arrived in 1942, he thought that if these were immediately handed over to the POWs they would be immediately exhausted. He had consulted the Camp Commandant who had agreed with him and the parcels were then delivered in two lots, one toward the end of 1942 and the other, in March, 1943.

At the end of this period, Saito said, "It was found that the POWs showed a considerable increase in weight. The average increase was 1.5 kilograms. After that, their weight began gradually to decrease. The conclusion that could be drawn was that Red Cross foodstuffs had a definite effect in increasing the weight of the POWs."

Saito said that he had received a number of representations from all the camps about the inadequacy of the food supply.

Yeast Tablets

At Shamshuipo, in April-May, 1942, there were about 300 cases of beri-beri, he said. At North Point there were about 50 cases a month. There was also pellagra, the symptoms of which, Dr. Saito said, were almost the same as those of beri-beri. Pellagra broke out in July-August, 1942. From February, 1943, there were no cases of pellagra. As for beri-beri, although the number of cases gradually decreased, there were still some 20 to 30 new cases a month. There were 20 or 30 cases of beri-beri at North Point. At Argyle Street the first cases were reported in April, 1942. There were 10 or 15 new cases monthly.

Saito said that Tokunaga seemed to be worried about these cases. He consulted the Intendant Officer and as a counter-measure a large supply of yeast tablets was ordered for and received.

SWING CONCERT

All swing and jazz lovers are invited to a concert of recorded swing and jazz music at the NAAFI Club, Kowloon this evening at 8 o'clock. Included in the concert are discs of Benny Goodman, Lionel Hampton, Red Nichols, Glenn Miller and Fats Waller.

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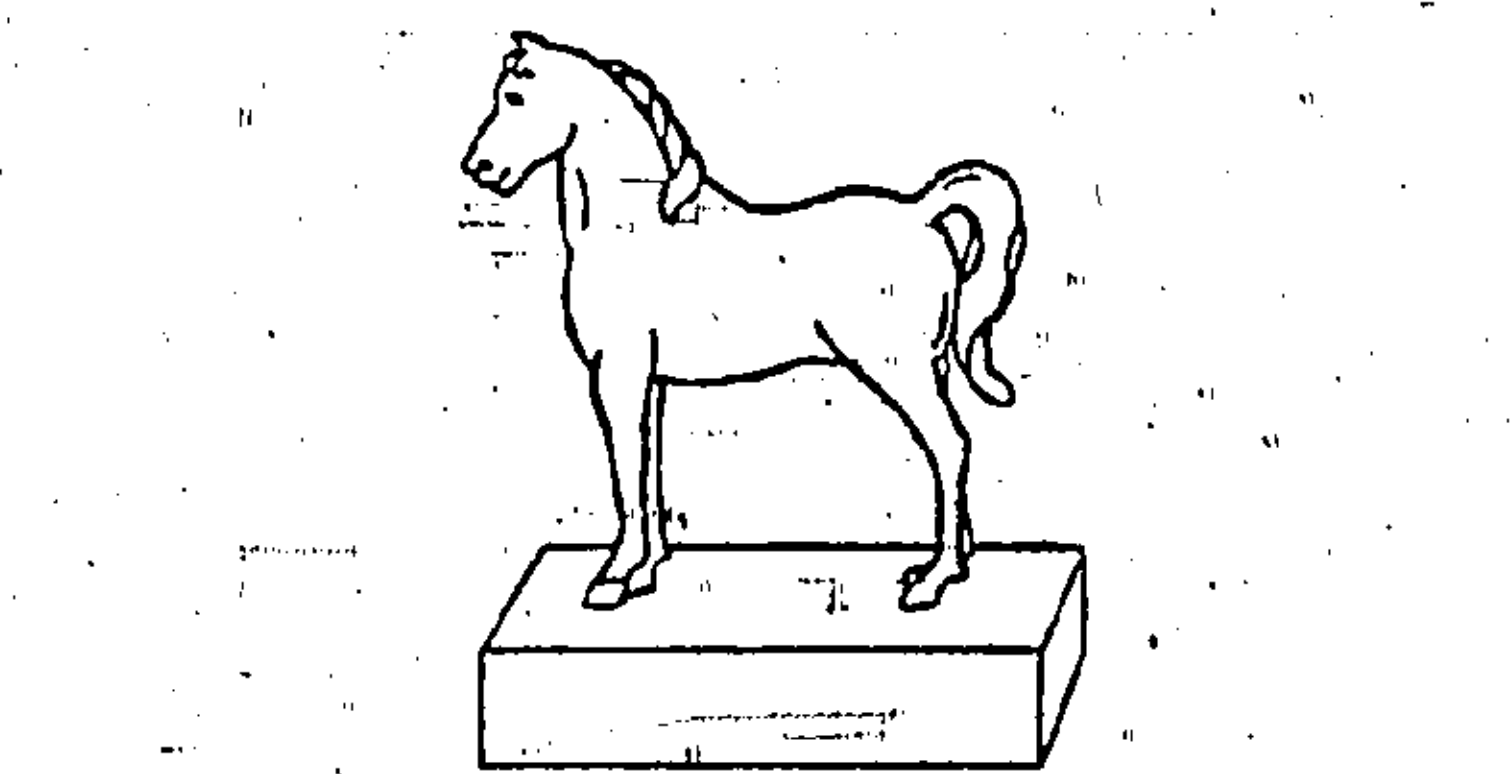
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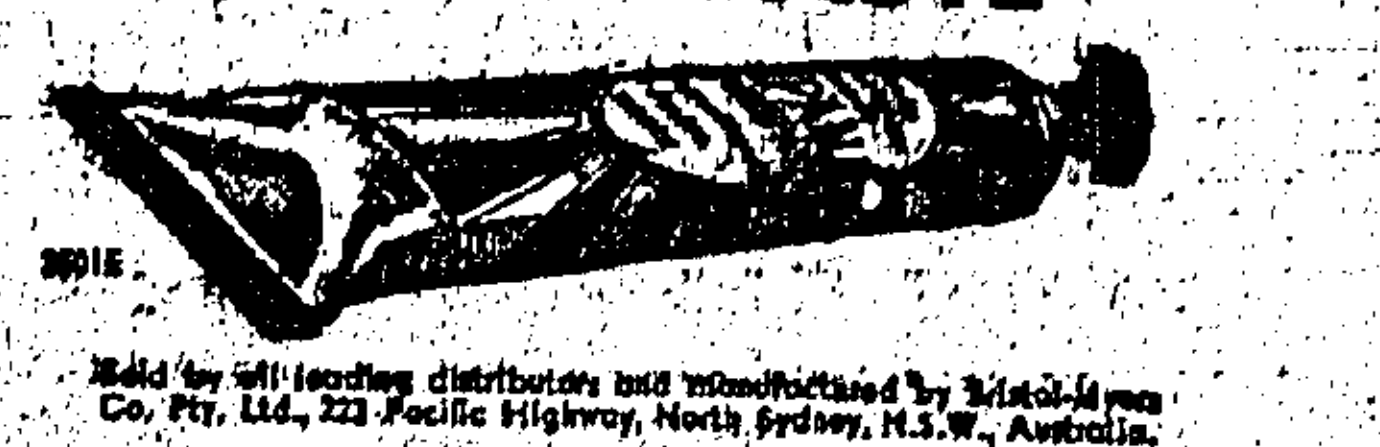
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Z.B.W.

Sir,—Your correspondent K. L. has only stated that every listener to Z.B.W. must be thinking.

He left out one important point, though—the lack of continuity in the local programmes. I have never listened to any station where the programmes "drag" so much. And the announcers ought to be backed up. Some of the voices one hears ought never to go on the air at all.

J. C. A.

Sir,—It seems to me that the letter this morning suggesting more interesting entertainment over Z.B.W. was very much to the point.

Whoever runs Z.B.W. should listen in to the S.E.A.C. station at Colombo. This station seems to broadcast almost exclusively gramophone records and yet its programmes are 100 per cent livelier than Z.B.W.'s. Not because its records are any better but because of skilful arrangement of programmes and racy chatter by the announcers.

Another thing—those promenade concerts on Sunday evenings. I suggest that most people would like classical music if the right kind was presented to them, also if some short explanation were given of the music. Some Sunday evening concerts are boring beyond words. Listening for any time to a programme by a couple of flutes and a piccolo or something is not my idea of entertainment. There are lots of concertos and symphonies which Z.B.W. never touches. Let's have some classical music with body and life in it.

The reason most young folk prefer swing music is because they don't get a chance to hear really exciting classical music, with an explanation in simple English of what it is all about. I don't blame them for being bored by the Sunday proms, which are only for a small circle. Make these appeal to a wider public.

PHIL

Anti-British?

Sir,—I do not suppose that "Fiat Lux" requires any assistance to reply to "H.J.Y." Nevertheless it may be appropriate to take up the latter's challenge. He refers to the articles on the New Territories hunting accident as an "obvious sign of nationalism and resent-

ment on the part of Chinese nationals here." Is that not in itself a confession of anti-British animus. Why should what is plainly a minor hunting accident bring nationalism and resentment into the picture at all?

"H.J.Y." asks how "Fiat Lux" comes to the conclusion that the report quoted in his lengthy letter is anti-British propaganda? What could be a more puerile question? The report contains three mendacious inventions:

1. "The hunting party fled after the accident."
2. "The wounded boy was only sent to hospital for treatment by the Police many days after the accident."
3. "Nothing was said by the hunting party involved on the incident, and he (the victim's father) was compelled to report the incident to Mr. T. W. Kwok's office in Hong Kong for diplomatic actions to be taken."

What is the purpose of giving publicity to these lies if not to inflame anti-British feeling?

In reply to his second question "How does he ('Fiat Lux') connect the Chinese Government with the quoted report," surely the fact that it involves Mr. T. W. Kwok in a petty hunting accident "for diplomatic actions" is justification for this charge especially in view of the intervention of Chinese authorities in previous incidents which would be dealt with in any civilised country by routine police and administrative action.

I do not need after writing the above to reply to any length to "H.J.Y." third question "What is his definition of anti-British?" Surely it cannot be considered pro-British, much less friendly, to seize upon an accident of this kind and by deliberate mendacity attempt to magnify it into a diplomatic issue. If the hunter and the victim had both been Chinese would there have been any mention of the matter in the Canton newspapers. Why should the father of the wounded boy have to make "a general appeal to Canton for assistance" when the individual responsible for the accident had already given assurances of satisfactory reparation?

If "H.J.Y." cannot sense anti-British propaganda in the handling of this incident by the Canton Press he must be completely lacking in appreciation of what constitutes friendship. FIAT JUSTITIA.

The Portuguese

Sir—Hong Kong owes a special debt to the Portuguese of Macao. This was the assurance given by the Hon. Mr. McDougall when he visited Macao shortly after the defeat of Japan.

When British escapees from Hong Kong landed at Macao they were not asked to produce passports or bothered with registrations. On the contrary everything was done to hide them from their enemies and to help them on their way to safety, in spite of demands by the Japanese, on several occasions, that all such people should be handed over.

The least that the authorities of Hong Kong can do now is to reciprocate that courtesy. Or is British gratitude so much lip-service?

These thoughts are prompted by cases against Macao Portuguese who failed to register changes of address in Hong Kong, characterised by an officer as something about which the authorities take "a most serious view."

Had the Portuguese at Macao taken serious views about the British fugitives who landed at Macao during their days of distress, and handed them over to the Japanese, as the Japanese frequently demanded, where would those people be today? Nor should Hong Kong forget that the very safety of Macao was jeopardised because of the friendship shown by Macao to Allied airmen and others who sought the safety of the Portuguese Colony, all through the War.

Let it not be said that Hong Kong has already forgotten the service rendered by Macao, a service which might really have been serious for the people of Macao, and let special concessions be granted to those friends who proved to be such friends in need.

NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

Chinese Press

Sir,—It seems to be a very prevalent practice on the part of a section of the Chinese Press nowadays to comment on cases before the Courts.

If I am not mistaken, it is contempt of court to make such comments.

Under the circumstances, therefore, it would, as a matter of interest, be appreciated if the authorities could explain why no action has been taken in respect of these acts of contempt of court.

Rickshaw Coolie's Offence

Found guilty of having demanded money with menaces, Lam Tong, rickshaw puller, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Ho, Yau-nui, wife of the complainant, said that at about 10 a.m. on Oct. 20, 1946, three men, including accused, came to her house and asked for her husband, who was not home at the time. The men said that they wanted him to join a Triad Society or pay \$500. She told them that she had no money. They noticed that she was wearing a gold finger ring and said that if she had no money, she could not afford the ring she was wearing.

At about 6 p.m. the same day, the men returned. Her husband was then present. The men again demanded money and threatened to assault her husband if payment was not made. A sum of \$70 was borrowed from the other tenants of the flat. This was handed to the men and they left.

The next day, they again returned at 6 p.m. and demanded a further \$100. Eventually, they were paid \$10. Of this sum, \$7 was borrowed from the inmates of the flat and \$3 was made up from the total earnings of her husband for the day.

After Mr. Sheldon had registered a conviction against accused, Inspector Wilcox, prosecuting, said that two other men had been tried for the same offence in November last and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The accused was a member of the Wo Sing Tong Triad Society which was trying to get into power in the West Point area. There had been much trouble as a result of money being demanded from rickshaw pullers and hawkers. The accused was arrested in connection with an incident in a Mahjong school and was recognized by the Chinese detective.

MR. MACDOUGALL RESUMES SEAT

The Hon. Mr. D.M. MacDougall, Colonial Secretary, resumed his seat in Legislative Council yesterday.

The new G.O.C., Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine, was also sworn in as a member of the Council.

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Majority Favour The Scheme

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Whether or not English-speaking women should become members of the court juries in Hong Kong was the question put to fifty European wives and workers here yesterday. Owing to the difficulty which the Legal Department faces when making up its periodic lists, it was decided to hold a general quiz among various sections of the local British and European female population. The answers have provided a good idea of the total reaction to the Colony's old-standing "no women allowed" rule. Ninety per cent of the women I questioned were in favour of a move calling for the inclusion of feminine opinion in the future. Here are the individual views of eleven various Hong Kong personalities. Do you agree with them?

Lady Blackall—wife of the Colony's Chief Justice said: "I think women should be on the juries here. There are a number of intelligent wives and unmarried women in Hong Kong and if they took part in this job they would be relieving a burden at present resting only on a section of the male population."

Mrs. J. H. Rutonjee: "I am 60 years old and do not feel I could be a member of any jury but I certainly agree with the idea in principle."

Mrs. George Strickland, wife of the Solicitor-General, told me: "Women should expect to take part in all these public welfare things. I think juries would get an unbiased and logical result if they were included. They are playing their part at home and they should do so here."

Mrs. J. H. Compton, wife of the manager of David Sassoon & Company, was one of the small percentage who disagreed with the majority of views. Her reasons, she said, were: "I am old fashioned. I believe a woman's place is in the home. We should leave court judgments to the men."

Mrs. Lammett, wife of the auctioneer, was definite in her opinion that women "should be in on this." "At least, I can see no reason why they should not be," she said.

Doctor Fehily, wife of the Chairman of the Urban Council, pointed out that "Women take part in almost everything in Hong Kong and so I think they should take part in meeting out justice."

Mrs. Charles Fenn, leading American artist now living in Hong Kong, declared: "After all, it's human justice that is handed out in the courts, so why shouldn't women have a part in it? Otherwise it's one-sided male justice."

Jan Hunter—as the husband who is brought into the gradual realization of what a monster his wife is, is excellent, and his growing suspicion is shown well by grand acting. Margaret Lockwood as the monster herself has much of the fatal charm of the tropical plant and she shows that she has developed beyond—snuff-and-bustle stage of "The Wicked Lady."

A special word, too, must be said for Barry K. Barnes in the very difficult part of a painter-cum-investigator which requires much subtlety and finesse. . . . qualities in which Barnes specialises. He has not been seen for far too long and his acting has a style and finish about it of which we see too little these days.

The early part of the film is not convincing—it is set in the Ealing idea of the "Continent" (you know, that peculiar place of "Madonna of the Seven Moons")—but everything is forgiven by the pace and tension of the middle and the end. Camera work of a very high order was called for and we are not disappointed. The closing sequences of the picture—the suicide of Bedelia and a gradually fade out on her portrait—make a screen moment to rank with any and as fine a proof as possible that the British Film Industry is going places—and fast!—R. S.

Solicitor Protests

A "strong protest against the extreme discourtesy of the Assistant Crown Solicitor" was voiced by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones at Kowloon yesterday when DCI C. Mottram applied for an adjournment on the grounds that the Crown Prosecutor, Mr. R. S. Smith, was unable to attend Court due to his being engaged at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hugh-Jones, who appeared on behalf of the four men charged with the murder of Wan Ping in the vicinity of Kowloon (Ore Mountain) on the night of the Moon Cake Festival, said, in part:

"During the course of the forenoon I received a message from an official of this Court stating that at the expressed request of Mr. Smith I was to be asked whether I could put forward the time of hearing to 2.15 p.m. instead of 2.30 p.m. as originally fixed."

"I said I could, but found on arrival here that the Assistant Crown Solicitor had not yet arrived. And now, 2.45 p.m. I am informed that the Assistant Crown Solicitor could not arrive before 4 p.m."

"As Your Worship will understand, our time is valuable, and I must lodge a strong protest against the extreme discourtesy of the Assistant Crown Solicitor in not notifying me beforehand of his change of plans."

Hearing was fixed for this afternoon.

CONSTABLE NOT GUILTY

After retiring for 10 minutes, the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" in a case before the Chief Justice Sir Henry Blackall, Supreme Court, yesterday in which Lam Wing, a pre-war constable, was charged with the murder of an unknown Chinese behind Hung Hom Police station during the Japanese Occupation.

Lam Wing was defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. S. Coomber. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, assisted by Inspector P. Lowe.

The hearing took four days.

Rome, Jan. 15. The Milan correspondent of the Milan newspaper "Messaggero" states that Allied and Italian police have raided the Jewish internment camp at Gurguliano, near Turin, suspected to be a centre of the Irpin Zvai, Leumi Jewish terrorist activity. Long investigations have proved fruitless, the correspondent added.—Reuter.

P. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Kuo-Tai-fan, G. W. Hatcher, R. L. Claddingbow and J. L. Bennett.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: R. L. Hatcher, H. P. Thompson, G. Zanetti, V. Dubrovski, A. Kuznetsov, V. Vukobrat, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dixon, G. B. Ramchandani, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Austin, J. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brito, and R. L. Goodwin.

Peninsula Hotel departures: R. W. Hatcher, D. S. Gilmartin, P. Rodier, L. Bennett.

OPEN LETTER TO MARSHALL

New York, Jan. 15. The "New Republic" magazine in an open letter to General George Marshall, by editor Henry Wallace, former Secretary of Commerce, said: "You have seen in China failure of American foreign policy in a single corner of the world. . . . That you failed was not your fault; the fault was in its conception. We have been in a position of saying 'no at Trieste, no in Poland, no in Iran, no in China and no on the atom bomb. . . . What we need is a mobile offensive in our foreign policy. . . . A loud and ringing yes to change that the wrecked societies in Europe and Asia are demanding at once. We must help colonial peoples in the struggle to free themselves. We must lead, rather than follow, in opposition to men such as Franco."—United Press.

Took His Brother's Name

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Castro at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Tsang Wah, Chinese Police Constable, was found guilty of having obtained by false pretences, the sums of \$22.90 and \$7 respectively from Government. He was fined \$50.

Inspector Weeks, prosecuting, said that Tsang Wah, brother of the accused, who was formerly a member of the Police Force, died during the occupation. On Nov. 12, 1945, accused enlisted in the Police Force in his brother's name and drew salary due to his deceased brother.

Accused admitted the charges, but said that he did not know it was a crime to take the money due to his deceased brother.

Inspector Weeks said that since he joined the Force, accused had a very good record.

Money Mart

Active trading in gold continued yesterday as rates fluctuated minutely. Gold was quoted at \$14.50 a troy ounce, with a high of \$15.10 and a low of \$13.50. At the close it was \$13.50. Silver was quoted at \$12.50 a troy ounce, with a high of \$13.50 and a low of \$11.50. At the close it was \$12.50. The Chinese National Currency was steady, with futures at 87 1/2 cents and spot at 87 cents for CN\$1,000.

Shanghai, Jan. 16. Quotations on the Shanghai market today were as follows:

	Buying	Selling
Gold per ounce	370.000	372.000
U.S. Dollar	6.450	6.550
Hong Kong Dollar	1.250	1.300
Clothing		
Gold per ounce	Unchanged	
U.S. Dollar	6.450	6.550
Hong Kong Dollar	1.250	1.300

Associated Press.

Hawkers Fined

As due publicity had been given in the Press of Government's intention to enforce the regulations governing the sale of food for human consumption, heavier fines than usual were levied against five hawkers by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when they pleaded guilty to a charge of hawking fresh food in Hing Wah Street on Wednesday.

Sun Tai and Wong Yip were fined \$50 each for selling fresh pork, while Yid Hoi Yuen was fined \$20 with the alternative of one month hard labour on the same charge. Tam Sun and Mak Shu, fish hawkers, were fined \$50 each.

SHAO LI-TZE GOING TO YENAN

Nanking, Jan. 16.

The top Government negotiator, Shao Li-tze, Secretary-General of the People's Political Council, said today that he was going to Yen-an to discuss resumption of peace talks with top Red leaders and that the Government would inform the Communists of its decision either today or tomorrow.

Shao said, however, that the success of the peace mission depended on the Communists. "Government delegates will go to Yen-an only when Yen-an agrees," he said.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, after a conference with the Government's Political Consultative Council representatives last night, received the American Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart. It is believed Chiang requested Dr. Stuart to transmit to the Communists his decision to dispatch delegates to Yen-an.

It was understood, the Government decision was made at a conference last night at Chiang's official residence, which was attended by all Government PCC delegates, including Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan; Chang Chung, Governor of Szechuen; Chang Chih-chung, Governor of Sinkiang; Yu Taw-wei, Minister of Communications; and Wu Ting-chang, Secretary General of the National Government.

It was also understood the finishing touches were put on the Government's new peace formula.

Shao Li-tze said the contents of the formula would not be revealed, but would be taken to Yen-an by Government envoys. He said it had not yet been decided which Government representatives would make the trip.

PERSONA GRATA

Well-informed sources close to Chiang said a few days ago, however, that Chang Chung and Shao Li-tze, two Kuomintang Liberals, were considered more persona grata with the Communists than others who have been slated to undertake the mission.

Shao said the sending of a peace mission to Yen-an did not mean abandonment of Dr. Sun Fo's suggestion for an all-party round table confab. The Government is anxious that peace talks be resumed and will adopt any procedure feasible, Shao stressed.

He expressed the hope that the Reds would cease regarding the Government peace move as a "smokescreen," reflecting the Marshall statement in which the new U.S. Secretary of State pointed out that mutual suspicion was one of the main causes in the failure of past peace efforts in China.—United Press.

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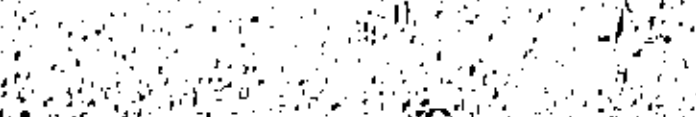
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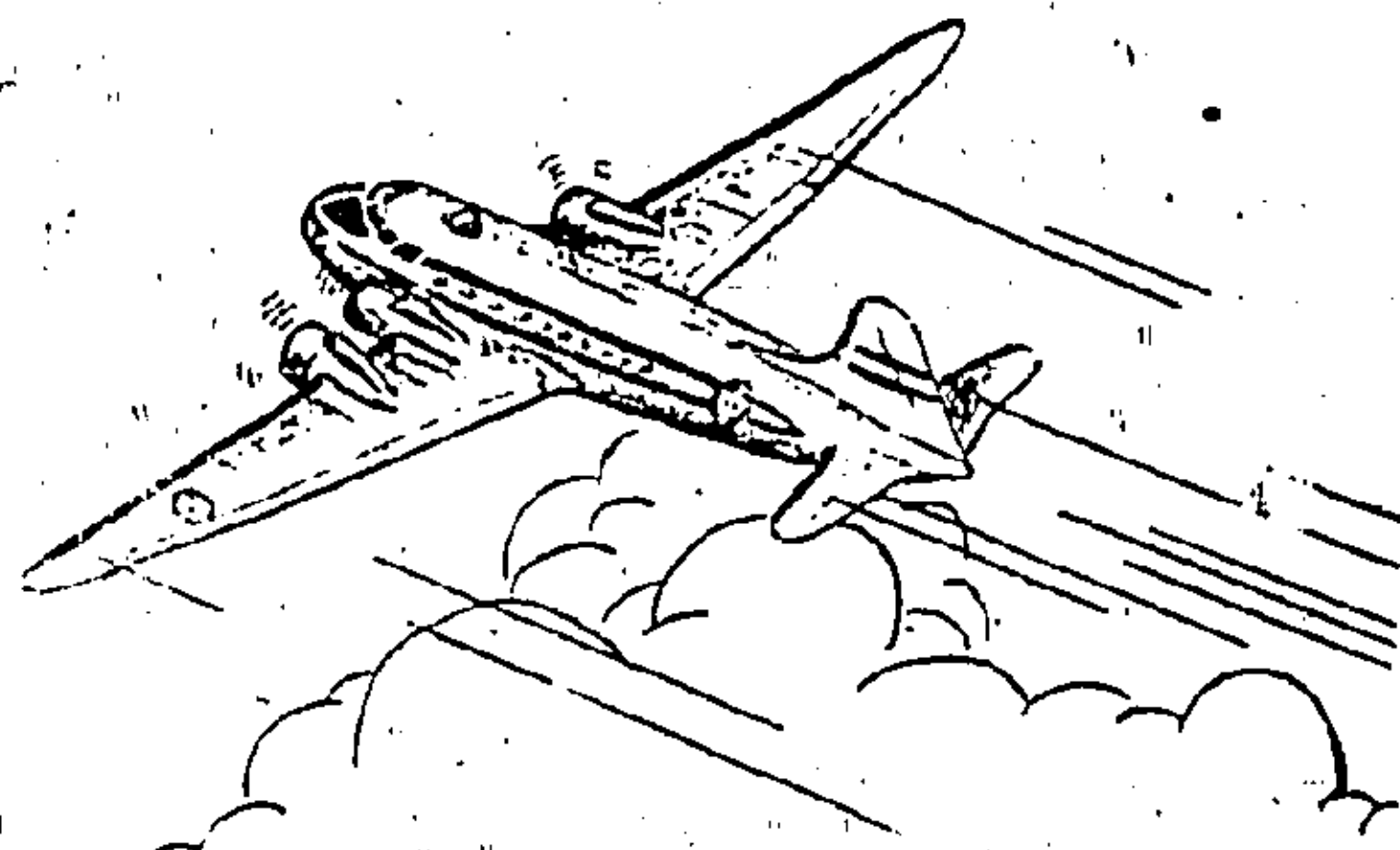
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FRANCE'S BID

The attempt of M. Blum's caretaker government to check the rising trend of costs and prices by decree deserves to be saluted as a veritable Ney—"the bravest of the brave." M. Blum himself has explained that the decree reducing all prices by five per cent, with the prospect of a similar cut later, is a desperate measure to meet a desperate situation. He has taken the only potentially successful line by being completely frank towards the French people on the one hand, and, on the other hand, by supporting a paper flat with the practical buttress of a 48-hour working week and a refusal to increase nominal wages. Two of the essentials to the success of a lower-price policy are that the public should co-operate to the extent of offering and accepting lower prices in the free markets—where there cannot be even a show of enforcing them—and that production should make supplies more abundant so that the natural tendency of prices is to decline.

M. Blum, moreover, thinks that a primary cause of scarcity in France today is hoarding; that hoarding is itself due to distrust of the future of the franc; and that if this distrust can be struck a shrewd blow, hoarding will cease. There may well be something in his argument. Certainly the trust of the peasants in the franc has been struck many shrewd blows in the past, and if they have been taught by hard experience not to hoard francs, they will hoard produce. It must, however, be said that hoarding is not the only reason for the precarious position of the franc. Others, which leap to the eye, are the high rate of Government expenditure, the extent of the black market and the gloomy or bitter view which many Frenchmen take of their country's political and economic future.

Except, perhaps, in the matter of the black market, conditions in France today do not greatly resemble conditions in Belgium last May, when M. Van Acker made an arbitrary cut of 10 per cent, in prices with a success which, if not complete, has since proved to be surprisingly great. Nor conditions in Hong Kong where cuts have been equally arbitrary—though based—primarily upon the production of evidence of invoice costs.

It is not beyond hope that M. Blum and his successors in office may create equally satisfactory conditions in France. He at least has shown a praiseworthy determination not to subordinate practical measures to political theories, and that is a resilient jumping-off ground. Everything depends upon the co-operation of the public. If this is obtained, it will be far easier to create the requisites of a really stable currency. These are a rate of production which will increase the ratio of available goods to available money, that is, higher production per man; political stability; resolute economy in Government expenditure. No mere devices can, in the long run, breed the public energy, enterprise and confidence which are the cure for inflation. All that M. Blum or any other statesman in any country can do by arbitrary pronouncements is to start the public thinking, that lethargy, playing for safety, and distrust may be ungrounded. Whether thought is followed by action depends on other things than paper decrees. The first reaction in France seems to be approval slightly tinged with scepticism. We can only hope that the former feeling will prove to be more justified than the latter.

New Delhi, Jan. 16.
Mr. K. P. S. Menon was named last night as India's Ambassador to China. Mr. Menon, an Oxford graduate, has been Indian Agent-General in China since 1943 and was a delegate to the San Francisco and New York United Nations conferences in 1945 and 1946. Associated Press.

He Rubs Out Moustaches For A Living

You know how it is when people start telling you stories. One part of you is listening to what is being said and another part is pounding the old brain-box trying to think out a better one. It was like that the other day when my pal John was telling a story. His was about road-basher-uppers.

"I was walking down Whitehall just before V. Day," he said, "when I spotted a little old man with a battered, mildewed bowler hat set slap on top of his head standing at the kerb and turning his head quickly right and left like he was looking for something. Well, there was nothing unusual in that but all of a sudden he darted out into the middle of the road, whipped out a 'ginormous hammer from his pocket and started furiously bashing the road with it. It was all over in a matter of seconds and he was back on the kerb again. Well, he kept on doing this up and down the road and I was wondering what he was doing. Then he showed his white hammer into his pocket, adjusted his hat firmly onto his head and marched very dignified and businesslike into the House of Commons."

That was the end of John's story. Well, that was pretty good really, I mean it is nice to think that there are little blokes with bowler hats and huge hammers going around bashing the road, it sort of makes life interesting. But by the time he was finished I had got my story ready. Mine was about moustache - rubber-ers.

A little while ago I waiting for a train in Piccadilly Underground station. I began walking down the platform looking at the advertisement posters like people do, when I spotted a picture of a very nice looking girl advertising a hair shampoo. I felt very sad because she was, as I say, a very nice looking girl, but by the time I had walked right down the platform and counted five girls with moustaches drawn on them, I really began to get interested in the subject.

"If there are people who draw moustaches on posters, are there people who have to rub them out again?" I wondered. It was a twist on an old idea of mine that there is an opposite to most things. For instance, there are people who throw dogs away and there are people who pick them up; there are people who whip things from other peoples' houses and policemen who whip them in jail; there are mannequins who get paid for putting clothes on and strip-teasers who get paid for taking them off, and so on. All right, if there are people who put moustaches on posters in Tubes, then there must be people to rub them out. I decided to find out and that's how I met Leonard, "Leo," after the fashion you know. I won't tell

you his surname, but he is fifty years old and a London Underground Inspector.

"Of course, rubbing out moustaches on posters isn't my real job, it's just part of it," he said. "My job is to see that posters are put up at the right time and place, and to advise customers on advertising posi-

By CAPT. C.W. SMITH

tions. Still if you're interested in moustaches you must come round with me one day." So it was that Leo and I went on a moustache hunt.

I was a bit surprised when Leo turned up. He wasn't like a moustache hunter at all—mind you I wasn't quite sure what a moustache hunter looked like, but I was surprised nevertheless. He was dressed in a prim black 'city' suit, a white collar black tie and a black Antony Eden homburg hat. Very neat indeed. I looked around for his weapons but they were all inside his pocket which scarcely showed a bulge. Hard rubbers, soft rubbers, ink rubbers, pocket knife and razor blade.

Leo's territory was the Central, Piccadilly, and Northern Lines. We got out of the Tube at Leicester Square Station, evidently a station with very good "game." As Leo stalked along the platform and corridors I noted at his side. All the time his head was shifting from right to left like his neck was hurting. His eyes were mild but they were keen all right. Suddenly he spotted one, a girl's face plus moustache advertising a make-up powder. Quickly he pulled out a rubber and got to work. He picked the right rubber first time and in a few seconds the moustache was off. We passed on and as he chatted to me I learnt quite a lot about poster defacers.

"Doodlers, I suppose you'd call them," he said, "but I call them a blasted nuisance. Moustaches are their biggest line of trade, of course, but there are plenty of others. Teeth, for instance. If a face on a poster has got no teeth then they'll give it some. If it's got teeth then they'll scrape them out. Then there's pipes and spectacles. Men advertising cigarettes will be given pipes, and good looking girls will have black glasses over them just to make them ugly. I don't understand it."

I nodded sympathetically just then we came to a real "snorter." It was a cigarette advertisement showing 20 plain cigarettes sticking half-way out of a packet. But now they were plain no longer, but cork-tipped, for someone had touched up the ends with lipstick, and very realistic too it looked. Leo shook his head. "They use everything—pencils, chalk, ink, crayons, and nowadays lipstick. I can't do anything with

this one. It will have to have a new bill." He scribbled some words in a notebook.—3 Top, 1 Exit, Westbound, Opp Guinness. He went on. "A poster that gave us a lot of trouble was 'The Widow.' The public didn't like her and did her in proper, by." I remember "The Widow," a picture of a woman in black mourning looking very pale with eyes that stared out at you, tragic and questioning. Underneath a slogan read "Keep Death off the Roads."

"Well," Leo said, "I saw one of 'The Widow' and when they had finished with her she looked a real treat—a picture of health. She had powder and rouge on her cheeks, lipstick on her lips, and beautiful long eyelashes drawn in with pencil. Didn't last long that poster."

We got on another train and went further down the line. "Doodlers aren't the only offenders, though they are the worst," said Leo. "There's the 'Picker,' for instance. He'll lean against the wall, waiting, and he'll pick, pick, pick at the corner of a post. Don't know what he's doing half the time. Then there's the 'Heel-dabber.' He's just the same, only he uses his feet, and by the time he's finished dabbling all the bottom of the poster has gone."

I blushed, guilty, for I am a dabber myself, and changed the subject quickly. "What about service-men doodlers?" I asked. "Well, Chad, I suppose is one of their's. He's all over the place. 'Wot, no beer?' and things like that. And in one place where there was only brown paper on the wall Chad was there with a 'Wot No bill?' Then there's Piccadilly. That was a favourite of the Americans and Canadians during the war. Used to write on the posters, fixing up dates with their girls. Sometimes, they'd say, 'Been waiting here half an hour. Am browned off. You can go to—' Then they'd sign their names."

And so it went on. I learned that in the New York Underground they employ a full-time man on the job with a salary of twenty dollars a week. I learned that before the war doodling was quite scarce, but now it was everywhere.

"Who do you think does it?" I asked. Leo breathed a sigh and said, "It's difficult to say really, but I think it's mostly young boys and girls between 16 and 19—high school kids and yobboes. No control over children nowadays, that's the trouble."

Leo had to go then, so I thanked him and said goodbye. I wandered down the platform. Somehow my neck kept twisting right and left. I've got moustache-phobia, I thought.

11,000,000 Under Arms

Washington, Jan. 15.
The second year of peace finds an estimated 11,000,000 men and women in the world's major armies.

This figure is based on a compilation made by Maj. Hal D. Steward mainly from the U.S. War Department's intelligence reports for an article in the current issue of the semi-official "Armoured Cavalry Journal." Steward stressed that the report does not pretend to complete accuracy since secrecy and evasion cloak the strength of some countries—notably Russia, which is believed to have the world's largest army at present.

The five major powers have an estimated total of 8,650,000 including 2,700,000 in the Chinese National Army. In addition, the Communists in China were reported to have nearly 1,000,000. "It is, hard, however, to obtain any accurate figure on the Chinese forces as each war lord has his own army of undetermined figures," Steward said. The Russian army at present numbers about 3,000,000—the largest of the five major powers. China is next, Britain third with about 1,600,000, the United States fourth with 1,300,000.—Associated Press.

PARIS PRESS STRIKE

Paris, Jan. 15.
Evening papers were snapped up by news starved Parisians when they re-appeared today after settlement of the six-day old dispute between printers and employers.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And now we'll take up the matter of funds for the tie tie detector requested by the handicap committee!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on 'Authorities'"

CAN'T COST ANYTHING

Sometimes a defender can see that a skillful declarer is preparing to throw him into the lead and make him come back into the jaws of a tenace. Naturally then he wants to thwart the play and considers tossing away the card with which the declarer threatens to give him the lead. His hope, of course, is that this will enable his partner to take the trick instead of himself. If the partner has not the next higher card, this seems to constitute a gift to the declarer. But it is not, as the trick thus forfeited is regained through avoidance of the final lead into the tenace.

S 7 4 3 2
H A 10 5 4
D 4 2
C A 10 5

S A K Q
H 10 9
D 9 3
C J 7 3 2

S J
H 8 7
D A K Q J 10 8 6 5
C Q 8

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 D 1 S
2 H Pass 4 D Pass
5 D

West led his spade K and, upon getting the discouraging 5 from East, switched to the heart Q. The A took it and South then proceeded to run all of his diamonds. The heart K was marked by West's Q lead as being with East. So the declarer planned to protect himself against a club

loser by throwing East in with a heart. If East then had to return a club, South would be sure to lose nothing in that suit, no matter who had the club K.

But East, after the first few discards on diamonds, saw through the plan, and so protected his side against it. From the diamond 7 on, as he discarded, he selected first a spade, then two small clubs. His next discard was his heart K and finally the heart 9, leaving him his club K-9 and spade 8. West meanwhile discarded so as to keep the spade A, heart J and club J. South held the heart 8 and his club Q-8 and the dummy the heart 10 and club A-10. If East had held the heart K, the throw-in play would have worked. But with that card gone, South had to lose two of the last three tricks, as West could win the heart with the J. The defense therefore took two of the last three tricks and beat the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem
S A 9 4
H 10 9 7
D K 7 5 3
C K Q 2

S 7 3 2
H A K 8
D 4 2
C 10 7 3

S K 10 6
H J 5
D A Q J 9 8
C A 9 5

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)
If East makes an out-of-turn lead of the spade Q against the 5-Diamonds contract, what is South's wisest course of action?

The Story Of Arnhem

"In the annals of the British Army there are many glorious deeds. But there can be few days more glorious than the epic of Arnhem. These who led, in the last of the war, to the standards of men have set, in the years to come, it will be a great thing for a man to be able to say 'I fought at Arnhem.'—Field Marshal Montgomery.

In September, 1944, to British Airborne troops, Arnhem was just a name on a map... a town with a bridge 60 miles behind the German lines.

On airfields in Britain, men were being briefed for their part in the greatest airborne operation in history. The Allied Airborne Army of two American and one British Airborne Divisions under the command of Lt.-Gen. Browning was to make a surprise landing behind the enemy lines, capture the bridge over the Maas, the Waal and the Lower Rhine and hold open the gateway to the plains of Northern Germany.

created by the airborne troops, British and American planned a swift drive to cross the Rhine in two days and turn East into Germany. The attempt to carry out this daring operation is shown in low after will find it hard to live up to the standards of men have set. In the years to come, it will be a great thing for a man to be able to say 'I fought at Arnhem.'—Field Marshal Montgomery.

"This is the Glory" highlights of which include the mass descent of paratroops and glider-borne troops over enemy-occupied terrain; hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of Arnhem; beleaguered soldiers firmly defying an ever-tightening ring of German attackers—and the last, desperate chapter, showing remnants of the heroic task-force withdrawing over the river under murderous cross-fire from the enemy.

"This is the Glory" is a superb tribute to those "dirty, grimy, wonderful renegades" who dropped from the clouds to fight where they stood. It was brought to the screen by Mr. J. Arthur Rank, the British film magnate, entirely without the use of studio sets or actors. Every incident was either experienced or witnessed by veterans of the action who appear in the film. One year after the battle was fought, the survivors returned to the actual battlefield amid the ruins of Arnhem to re-enact this most gallant action in which they gained the admiration even of the enemy.

The film opens at the King's Theatre on Sunday.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

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NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIANCE

Result of M. Blum's Talks With Mr. Attlee

Preserving Peace And Security

London, Jan. 15.

An official communique issued in London tonight at the close of the talks between the French Premier, M. Leon Blum, with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, announces that it was agreed that a treaty of alliance should be concluded at the earliest possible moment with the object of preventing any further aggression by Germany and of preserving peace and security.

An official communique from the Prime Minister's residence at the close of the talks with M. Blum said: "The visit which M. Leon Blum, President of the French Government, has just paid to London has provided the opportunity for a joint examination of a number of problems of common interest to the Governments of France and the United Kingdom and for a most useful exchange of views on a variety of questions."

"The question of policy to be followed in regard to Germany was thoroughly examined. In the course of this examination it was recognised on both sides that it was in the interests of the two countries that effective steps should be taken to prevent the economic reconstruction of Germany, though necessary from many points of view, from becoming once again a menace to the peace of the world."

"It was recognised that increased imports of coal were necessary to the economic recovery of France and that increased coal production in the Ruhr was an essential factor in European reconstruction."

"It was admitted, however, that no immediate increase in exports from the Ruhr was possible and that in order to ensure the rehabilitation of the Ruhr mines and a progressive increase in exports from Germany adequate quantities of coal must be retained on the spot. Nevertheless, it was not provided production rose at the rate at present anticipated, the authorities in Germany envisage restoration by the end of April, 1947, of the level of exports in force before the cuts of last November. This first result once achieved, all efforts will continue to be made to increase progressively both production and exports until the vital needs of France and other importing countries can be met."

"It was recognised that the two countries having been twice attacked by Germany in a period of 25 years have an equal interest in protecting themselves against a fresh German menace. It was, therefore, agreed that in these circumstances a treaty of alliance should be concluded between them at the earliest possible moment within the framework of Article 52 of the Charter of the United Nations and with the object of preventing any further aggression by Germany and of preserving peace and security. It was agreed that negotiations to this end should be opened as soon as possible."

Mutual Understanding

The two Governments were furthermore convinced that the conclusion of such a treaty would facilitate a settlement in the spirit of mutual understanding of all questions arising between the two countries.

"In view of the close links which exist between the two countries in the commercial and industrial fields, it was agreed that directions should be given to the French and British representatives on the Anglo-French Economic Committee to press on urgently with their task of examining their respective reconstruction plans with a view to preventing conflicts between them. It was noted that the committee would meet in Paris in a few days' time and that this would afford the opportunity of discussing the full implications of the Monnet Plan."

"It was arranged that there should be a further meeting as soon as the British Economic White Paper had been debated in Parliament."

Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent, commenting on the Anglo-French talks, tonight writes:

Momentous Decision

Political observers consider the decision to go ahead with negotiations for an Anglo-French alliance to be one of the most momentous in the whole history of the two countries and it was given the warmest welcome in official quarters here tonight.

If the negotiations go smoothly, as they are expected to do in view of the considerable amount of consideration which the question has already received in the past two years, conclusion of an alliance will complete the triangle of post-war treaties linking the East and West, begun by the Anglo-Soviet Alliance of 1942 and followed by a similar Franco-

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CHURCHILL
LIBEL SUIT

London, Jan. 16.

A published statement that Winston Churchill's policies in Greece were influenced by his having been "bought out of bankruptcy" by British bankers with Greek interests was withdrawn in open court yesterday when it was announced that his libel suit against the author and publisher of the book "Dinner at the White House" had been settled.

Disclosing that the author, Louis Adamie, and the publisher, Harper and Brothers, agreed to pay "substantial damages" to the wartime Prime Minister, Counsel G. O. Slade said in the King's Bench Division that both admitted without qualification that the statement was unfounded and apologized for having made it.—Associated Press.

Soviet Alliance in December, 1944.

The possibility of completing this triangle by an Anglo-French Alliance and so of the putting of the long-standing Entente between the two countries on a firm footing has been under consideration in London and Paris ever since the liberation of France from German occupation in August, 1944.

The fact that the decisive step has been so long delayed was due to the wish of successive French and British Governments first to clear away outstanding causes of friction. The chief among these were Franco-British disagreements about the independence of the Levant States, settled after the London meeting of the Security Council in February last year, and about French claims on the Ruhr, Rhineland and Saar. Recently, French and British views of the future of Germany's western territories have moved much closer together and during M. Blum's visit to London Mr. Attlee was able to allay some of the fears of the French Government that economic cooperation between Britain and Germany might develop to the injury of French interests.

The decision to conclude an alliance should also do much to calm the heart-burning evident in France after the recent visit to London of the German Social Democrat leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher.

Form Of Alliance

The form of alliance is expected in usually well-informed quarters to follow closely the model of the earlier Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet pacts and consequently not to present great drafting difficulties. Both these pacts have a life of 20 years. Both have clauses stating that the parties will take common action to preserve peace to the post-war world; to give each other military aid in the event of further threat from Germany on her war-time Allies; to collaborate within the framework of the United Nations; to render each other economic assistance and to refrain from concluding an alliance or joining a coalition directed against the other party.

Today's official communique specifically points out that the treaty will be concluded within the scope of Article 52 of the United Nations Charter, permitting the existence of regional pacts.

Diplomatic observers in London tonight were expressing the hope that one result of the alliance would be to give French people that feeling of security against any further German aggression, which they have sought for so long.—Reuters.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.

The "Sea Serpent" arrived on Tuesday from Okinawa. Tuesday sailings: "Iran Victory" for Yokohama; "Anchorage Victory" for Shanghai; "Marine Devil" for Jinsen; and "Mankato Victory" for Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

American Labour Legal Wrangle

Washington, Jan. 14.

The United States Supreme Court today closed a wrangling four-hour hearing on the case of the Government versus John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers Union and adjourned without word on when it would deliver judgment.

All indications are that it will be at least three weeks before a verdict is forthcoming on the appeal filed by Lewis and the Union against the US\$3,510,000 fines levied upon them by the U.S. District Court for defying an anti-strike injunction.

Lewis was absent from today's hearing. The American Federation of Labour general counsel, Joseph Padway, repeated the defiant claim that the Federal Court had no right to issue a restraining order in the soft-coal labour dispute last November and that, therefore, the fines were illegal.

The Attorney General, Tom Clark, and his assistant, John Sweeney, countered angrily that Lewis' defiance of a Federal Court was an "insult to the United States and an invitation to mob rule."

The Justices' questioning indicated they were giving considerable weight to the Government's contention that Lewis should have obeyed the anti-strike order pending judicial ruling as to its validity.—United Press.

Marshall To Be Questioned

Washington, Jan. 14.

The Senate President, Mr. Arthur Vandenberg, today said that the incoming Secretary of State, General George Marshall, would be called before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to review the peace mission in China.

Senator Vandenberg, who is chairman of the Committee, told reporters that members appeared eager to question General Marshall, particularly in connection with United States economic aid to China. He said General Marshall would be invited to appear before the Committee before his departure for the Moscow Foreign Ministers conference.

Senator Vandenberg also indicated that his committee soon would review American foreign relief policy. He predicted that the United States would supply about US\$400,000,000 in direct relief to war-devastated countries, but on a direct grant-in-aid basis.—United Press.

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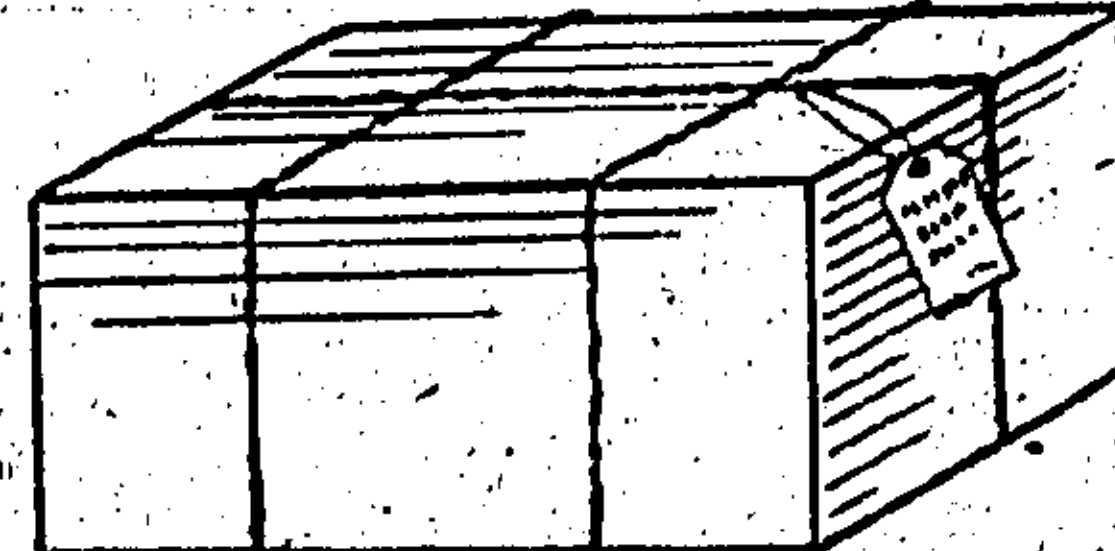
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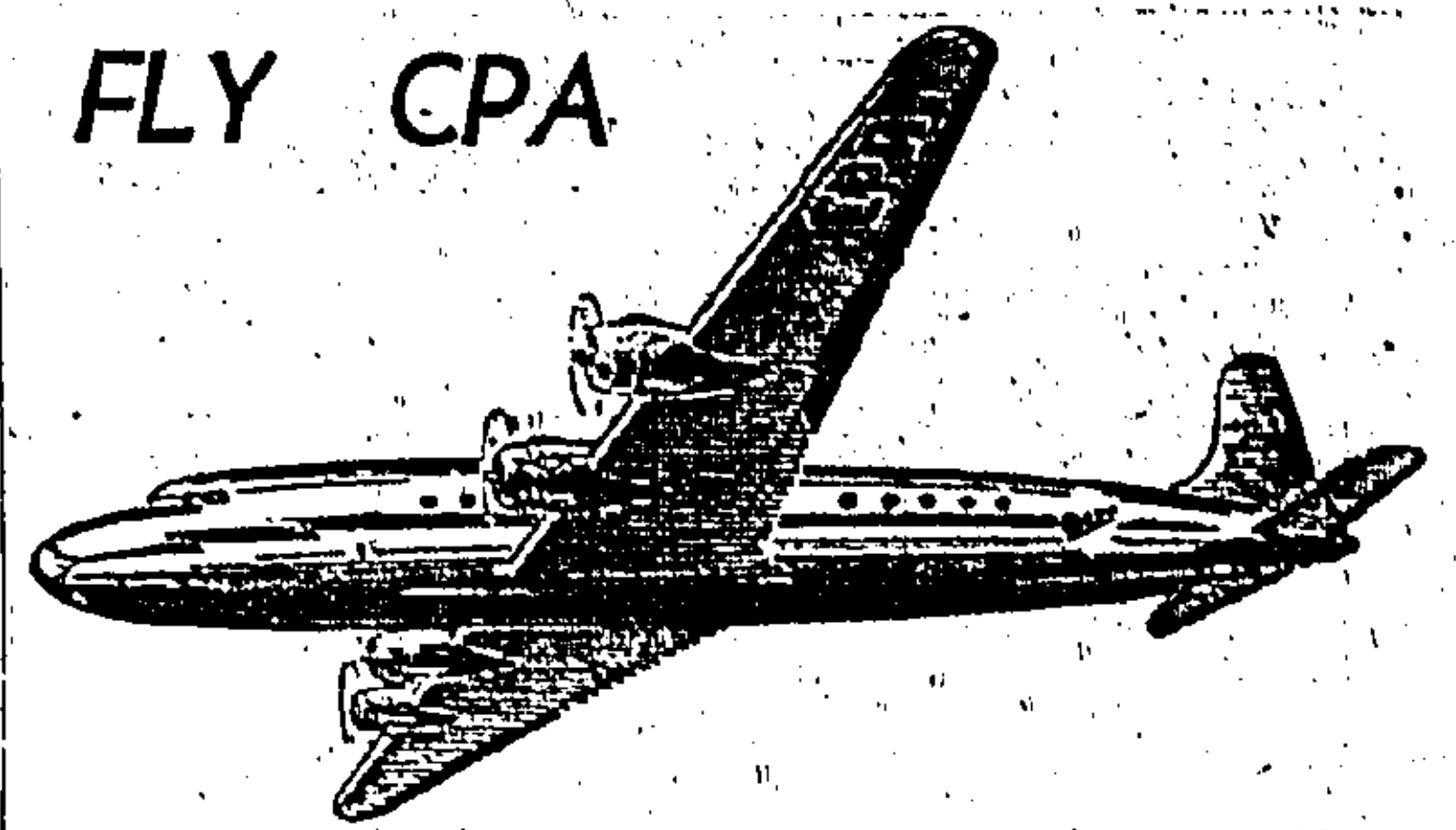
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RUSSIA WANTS DISARMAMENT TALKS SPEEDED UP

Lake Success, Jan. 15.
Russia today opposed the United States request that the United Nations Security Council postpone the disarmament talks to permit delegates to reach greater agreement in informal talks and to give the incoming Secretary of State, General George Marshall, time to study the issues before the United States commits itself.

The Soviet delegate promptly replied to the suggestion by the chief United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, "I don't see the sense of postponing consideration of the disarmament items." M. Andrei Gromyko (Soviet Russia) said the Soviets wanted disarmament talks speeded up, not delayed.

The exchange further aggravated with what he conceded was a very undiplomatic answer to the American proposal. Mr. Lange said: "There may be considerations of high power politics of different nations that may make it desirable to delay implementation of disarmament. We will just say to hell with high power politics."—United Press.

Australian Proposal

New York, Jan. 16.
Australia yesterday proposed that the United Nations Security Council should create a disarmament commission and rush consideration of atomic energy control.
The chairman, Mr. Norman Makin, submitted a resolution providing:
1. For a disarmament commission to work out arms limitation proposals.
2. For the Atomic Energy Commission to continue work on

H.K. Stock Exchange

Following are yesterday's Hong Kong stock exchange quotations:
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Loans, 4 1/2, 10 1/2, 11 1/2, 12 1/2, 13 1/2, 14 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 18 1/2, 19 1/2, 20 1/2, 21 1/2, 22 1/2, 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 25 1/2, 26 1/2, 27 1/2, 28 1/2, 29 1/2, 30 1/2, 31 1/2, 32 1/2, 33 1/2, 34 1/2, 35 1/2, 36 1/2, 37 1/2, 38 1/2, 39 1/2, 40 1/2, 41 1/2, 42 1/2, 43 1/2, 44 1/2, 45 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2, 48 1/2, 49 1/2, 50 1/2, 51 1/2, 52 1/2, 53 1/2, 54 1/2, 55 1/2, 56 1/2, 57 1/2, 58 1/2, 59 1/2, 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 64 1/2, 65 1/2, 66 1/2, 67 1/2, 68 1/2, 69 1/2, 70 1/2, 71 1/2, 72 1/2, 73 1/2, 74 1/2, 75 1/2, 76 1/2, 77 1/2, 78 1/2, 79 1/2, 80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 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MINISTER IN A BRAWL

Vienna, Jan. 15.
The Austrian Parliament was in session today the fight at Innsbruck last September when Dr. Karl Gruber, Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Foreign Office, knocked down a man and tried to punch him.
The fight occurred during a demonstration of protest against Dr. Gruber's having given his consent to leaving south Tyrol under Italian rule.—Reuter.

New York Exchanges

New York, Jan. 15.
American A/C Sterling 4.02-15/16, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 3 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 6 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 9 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 12 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 15 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 18 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 21 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 24 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 27 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 30 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 33 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 36 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 39 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 42 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 45 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 48 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 51 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 54 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 57 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 60 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 63 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 66 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 69 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 72 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 75 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 78 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 81 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 84 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 87 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 90 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 93 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 96 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 99 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 102 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 105 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 108 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 111 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 114 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 117 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 120 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 123 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 126 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 129 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 132 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 135 Months 4.02-1/2, 4.02-1/2, American A/C Sterling 138 Months

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Big Four Deputies Fail To Agree

London, Jan. 15. The Big Four Foreign Ministers' special deputies for Germany, at their second session at Lancaster House, London, today failed to agree on the Australian proposal that the smaller Allied powers be more closely associated with their work in preparing the German peace settlement.

Three deputies—those of Britain, the United States and France—reached an agreement on a compromise falling short of the Australian memorandum that all representatives of the 18 smaller powers should be present when any one state has its case. This compromise was opposed at the end of the meeting by the Soviet deputy, who maintained that the Council of Foreign Ministers had intended the smaller powers to be heard one by one.

The Soviet deputy suggested, however, that provided the small powers were heard individually everything might be done to assist them to make their views clear. Consequently, he proposed that the deputies should immediately draw up a timetable and notify the small allies of the order in which they could state their case. He also proposed that the small powers should be told that it was not necessary to submit a written statement before making oral representation and that countries should be selected for hearing in the order in which their applications were received.

This was agreed unanimously and the deputies drew up the following order in which the small powers are to be heard on the substance of the German treaty: 1. Poland, 2. The Netherlands, 3. Yugoslavia, 4. Australia, 5. Canada.

This afternoon, besides the Australian memorandum on procedure, the deputies had before them memoranda from South Africa and Canada which supported the Australian view that the smaller allies should be associated more closely with the work of the deputies.

Break For Tea
The deputies adjourned at 7 p.m. (GMT) after sitting from 3.30 p.m. with a small break for tea.

The question will be taken up tomorrow afternoon when the special deputies for Germany hold their second meeting. The first meeting of the special deputies for Austria starts tomorrow morning and agreement to holding of a further German meeting tomorrow afternoon was obtained on the understanding that the second Austrian meeting can be held on Friday morning.

Consequently, observers came to the conclusion that the deputies were tacitly adopting the proposal made at their first

Excuse Fails

That he was simply trying to make his two meals was the excuse proffered by Lai Kau when he appeared before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with keeping an opium den at 219 Reclamation Street, and with the possession of two ounces of prepared opium. He was additionally charged with a breach of the deportation order made against him on April 18, 1946.

S.I. Askew said that a Police party, under S.I. Dow, raided the premises on Wednesday and found ten Chinese smoking opium. Accused admitted being the keeper and together with his "customers" was arrested. Four pipes, eight lamps, and 22 small pots of opium totalling two mace were seized.

Remarking that as accused appeared to be an undesirable person he would not be given the usual option of a fine, His Worship passed sentence of two months hard labour on the first count, one week on the second, and three months on the additional charge, all consecutively. Defendant was also recommended for re-banishment.

Of the ten charged with smoking opium, nine were fined \$10 each while the tenth had his bail of \$20 estraited.

Canberra, Jan. 15. The appointment of Mr. Earle Russell, Counsellor of the United States Embassy in Canberra to the Political Advisory Staff of General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, was announced by the United States Ambassador, Mr. Robert Butler, here today.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN ASSETS DE-ICED

Washington, Jan. 15. The United States Treasury today freed Austrian assets frozen since six months before Pearl Harbor. They were valued at that time at \$8,000,000. The Treasury said that claimants must be certified by the Austrian National Bank, which has been designated by the Austrian Government as the certifying agent.—Reuter.

Nagasaki Joe Cafe Case

Further evidence was given before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy yesterday in connection with the case in which Tsoi Hok-lun (otherwise known as "Charlie Choy") of 88 Lockhart Road, is summoned on charges in respect of dealings with the property and contents of the London Cafe, 89-92 Lockhart Road, previously in possession of "Nagasaki Joe" or Ota Tainosuke.

Mr. A. Lansdale, Crown Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. M. A. Silva appeared for the defence.

Pang Kee said that at the end of July, 1945, Choy came to the house of Li Fung-ying and told her that he was going to purchase the Cafe from the Japanese, Nagasaki. Choy asked that the tenancy of 88 Lockhart Road be transferred to him.

Li promised to do this and on Aug. 1, Choy went to see her again and produced a document relating to the sale of the Cafe dated July 31, 1945. Pang said that he was requested by Li to make out a rent receipt in the name of Choy, who paid 60 Military Yen as rent.

"The next witness, Chan Kwan Yan, building contractor of No. 88 Jaffe Road, said that he knew "Nagasaki," who used to come and watch him planting vegetables. Chan said that Choy also visited him from time to time. In the month of June, Choy spoke to him regarding the purchase of the business of the Cafe.

On July 31, 1945, the sale to Choy was carried out in his. Chan's house. After the document had been executed by Nagasaki, Choy paid him 300,000 Military Yen.

Chan said that he signed and chopped the document as witness. He was requested to call at the Special Branch in Oriental Building, where he was questioned three times.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27.

THEY BOTH CLAIM THE GOVERNORSHIP

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 15. The Legislature, in a move unprecedented since the reconstruction days, early today elected Herman Eugene Talmadge as Governor of Georgia to fill the office he helped his late father win during last summer's bitter "White Supremacy" Democratic primary.

The outgoing Governor, Ellis Arnall, who leads the State Democratic wing which is opposed to the Talmadge forces, announced flatly that he will reject the Legislature's action and refuse to turn over the great Seal of State to the son of his bitterest political enemy.

Should Arnall carry out his threat, Georgia might have two Governors in office with both attempting to wield executive authority over the various State departments including the Treasury and Militia. But Talmadge would be in the stronger position because he has legislative majority to control all executive credits and spendings. Talmadge is a 33-year-old Navy veteran.

The State Supreme Court may be convened to decide the rival claims of Arnall and Talmadge to the governorship or alternatively order new State elections.

May Go To Court
If the rivals go to the Supreme Court Talmadge will base his claim on the number of write-in votes he received in the November election won by his father who died 23 days before he could take office.

The State Constitution provides that when the elected candidate for Governor dies before taking office the Legislature can choose

Jet Planes In Manila

Manila, Jan. 15. Congratulations were sent today to the 13th Air Force headquarters, Maj. Gen. E. L. Eubank, for successful completion of a 700 mile overwater jump from Laag in Northwest Luzon to Kadena airbase, Okinawa, in 1 hour 40 minutes.

Whitehead said the flight demonstrates that our combat crews and aircraft are conquering new horizons in the development of air power.

The first "Shooting Star" jet fighters arrived in the Philippines last spring but a series of technical difficulties prevented their effective use until recently.

The jet-fighter wing is based at Clark Field in Central Luzon. They are the main striking strength of the 13th Air Force.—Associated Press.

DISORDERS IN BURMA

Rangoon, Jan. 15. U Mya, acting Minister for Home and Social Affairs, said that Indian regiments have been summoned to help suppress disturbances started by Dacoit gangs with "robbery, looting and terrorism" in the Yamethin and Pyinana districts.

He said that units of the Black Cat Division (veteran 17th Indian Division) "have played their part". He described the Dacoits as having "Communist tendencies" and added that "precautionary measures are being taken and we are certain of controlling the situation".—Associated Press.

New Air Route

Manila, Jan. 15. A Northwest Air Lines plane completed its first commercial survey flight to the Orient yesterday when it arrived here at 4.02 p.m.

The plane, a DC-4, opened the "Northwest passage" to the Orient route via Canada, Alaska, Tokyo and Shanghai. The 8,000-mile flying distance to Manila can be made in 44 flying hours.

Donald J. King, vice-President of Northwest Air Lines, explained that the new route is opposite to routes being used by other airlines, such as the Pan-American, Trans-Ocean and Pacific Overseas. Mr. King announced that the company expects to start scheduled flights by May 1st. The schedule calls for flights three times a week.—United Press.

Australian Beef For Hong Kong

Manila, Jan. 15. The "Eastern," carrying the first cargo of Australian beef for commercial consignees 1941, is awaiting discharge to reach the Philippines since here.

The British ship brought cheese, milk, flour, canned vegetables, meat, butter and 16,000 cases of pork and beans, the latter for UNRRA. Also on board were 31 head of cattle, including 30 cows and one bull for improvement of Manila's war-depleted dairy herds.

The agents said the "Eastern" would resume its prewar refrigerated cargo service next voyage, bringing Australian beef and mutton to Manila, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Australia normally is an important supplier of the products to Orient ports.—Associated Press.

Jap Quake Fears

Kyoto, Jan. 14. Prefectural authorities today called a meeting of Kyoto Imperial University earthquake experts and prefectural engineering officials because of strong rumours prevailing among the people that Kyoto will be struck shortly by a major earthquake similar to the recent Wakayama-Shikoku disaster.

Experts reportedly predicted Kyoto will be the scene of a major earthquake within 80 years. There is no basis, however, for fears that such an earthquake is imminent.

Experts also reportedly claimed that instruments would be so perfected that it will be possible to predict a major quake at least one month in advance.

Engineering officials said only 10 to 15 per cent of Kyoto's buildings will be destroyed by a quake and emphasised the importance to perfecting fire prevention methods.—United Press.

Big Quake Registered

San Francisco, Jan. 15. An earthquake of "destructive magnitude" about 700 miles away but with no direction indicated, was recorded at 10.30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the California Institute of Technology seismograph at Pasadena.

At Berkeley, the University of California reported that a tremor of "moderate intensity" was recorded at about the same

Grim Fight In London Cup "Derby"

London, Jan. 15. London's two big clubs, Arsenal and Chelsea, battled for two hours on Arsenal's ground at Highbury this afternoon before more than 53,000 spectators, and it is still not known which club have the honour to receive Derby County in the next round of the F.A. Cup.

Arsenal were the first to score through their centre-forward, Rooke, nine minutes from time, only for Chelsea's centre-forward, Lawton, to equalise three minutes later. Neither team scored in the extra half hour's play. The second replay takes place on a neutral ground next week.

In other Cup replays today, 38,000 saw Stoke qualify to meet Chester by a goal scored by Stanley Matthews, 30 minutes from the start, and Middlesbrough now meet Chesterfield as the result of their 3-1 win over Queen's Park Rangers.

London's match captured the imagination of all and from breakfast time queues began to form outside the ground. Many strikers, dockers and market porters were in the crowd.

In the first goalless half, Arsenal were more methodical in attack, but found Chelsea's defence in a mood, Arsenal made a great effort on the re-start, but the defences were generally on top.

It was a fine concerted movement which enabled Rooke to score with a fine left footed drive, which the goalie touched and could not stop. A centre by right-winger Spence found Lawton unmarked and Chelsea were level.

Both London clubs, Tottenham Hotspur and Queen's Park Rangers, went down fighting, but were beaten on merit. It was only fine goal-keeping which prevented Stoke from winning by the solitary goal.

Two goals by Fenton in ten minutes gave Middlesbrough a fine start. After 67 minutes Boxshall reduced the lead, but seven minutes later, Manton scored the third for Middlesbrough from the penalty spot.

The second replay between Arsenal and Chelsea will be held at the Tottenham Hotspur ground on January 20.

Results
Results of soccer games played today were:—

F.A. Cup, third round: Arsenal 1 Chelsea 1 (after extra time). Stoke City 1 Tottenham Hotspur 0. Middlesbrough 3 Queen's Park 1.

Third Division, Southern: Bournemouth and Boscombe 2 Walsall 3. Brighton and Hove Albion 2 Southampton United 1.

Third Division, Northern: Gateshead 1 Stockport County 2. Berwick and Tyne Company in central Bombay, after the strikers had pelted the police with stones.

No one was injured in the firing but three police officers were injured by stones.

About 1,100 employees of the Firestone Company have been on strike for the past fortnight, demanding standardisation of wages, an increase in their cost of living allowance and better leave facilities.—Reuter.

Christmas Island Mutiny Trial

Singapore, Jan. 15. When the court-martial trying seven Indians accused of mutiny on Christmas Island in March, 1942 was reconvened for the second session this afternoon, Cook Ghulam Mohammed stated that he had distinctly heard the sixth accused, Gunner Allah Ditta, say: "We have killed five Englishmen."

Describing the events of the night of March 10, he said that he ran into the jungle like the rest of the men when he heard shooting. Near the barracks he met Gulam Qadir, the first accused, who he said told him not to run and said: "It is only we."

Later, when he was in the jungle, he stated that he heard Gulam Qadir say: "Our guards have killed five Englishmen. Those who have run away come out."

When he hesitated to come out, Gulam Mohammed said that he heard Allah Ditta say: "If you do not come, here come bullets!"

Gulam Mohammed then shouted, "For heaven's sake do not shoot! I am coming out."

He then related the conversation alleged to have been made between Gulam Qadir and Huvildar Meer Ali, in which he said the former stated: "You and I have done the same type of work and should get the same reward."

Cook Ghulam Mohammed alleged that he was threatened by Gulam Qadir and Nasir Hussain, the third accused, and then forced by them to throw the dead body of an Englishman into the sea. He said that when he was cleaning the room after having thrown the body he discovered empty cartridge cases.—Reuter.

Shanghai Protest

(From Our Correspondent)

Shanghai, Jan. 15. The reason why the Chinese former members of the Shanghai Municipal Police demonstrated over their superannuation funds in front of the British Consulate on Wednesday and not the American Consulate is purely a topographical one.

The American Consulate is situated on the fifth floor of a modern office building, whereas the British Consulate lies in its own grounds on the Bund.

In any case, as was pointed out to the demonstrators, the question of these payments is not one for the British Government to handle.

Nanking is solely to blame for these troubles owing to its dilatory methods and its refusal to make clear in a public pronouncement that it is solely responsible for these debts.

CLUB TEAM

The following will represent the Club Seniors against 44 Commando at Soekunpoo on Saturday at 4 p.m.:—

Cotton, L. Strange, Hopkinson, Leck, Forrow, Beck, A. Nyher, Bond, Fowler, E. Strange, Fjeldstad.

Players are requested to meet in the Club House, Happy Valley at 3 p.m.

Second Division players are advised that there is no game this week-end.

FRIENDLY GAME

A friendly football match took place between R.A.F. Port Detachment and the 393 Equipment Park, Reclamation Street, Kowloon, and resulted in a two-all draw.

R.A.F. Port Detachment: Hussey, Thurman, Pretty, Moorhouse, O'Brien, Baxter, Smith, 393 Equipment Park: Smith, Davy, McLaughan, Burrett, Gulliver, Scott.

ATTABOY BOWLS

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club wish to announce that the "ATTABOY" Shield game will be played on the day following Chinese New Year i.e. on the 23rd and not on the 22nd as previously announced. Players wanting tiffin at the club that day are reminded that their names must be in by the 19th.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., and 9 to 11 p.m. also on 9.62 megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
1.30 p.m.—Variety.
1.50 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.55 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.55 p.m.—Piano Duets: Morison and Kaye.
1.55 p.m.—Theodore Chaildine in a Radio Programme.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—"Living" with Maxine Sullivan.
2.10 p.m.—London Relay: News.
2.15 p.m.—Turner Layton at the Piano.
2.20 p.m.—Studio "You Asked For It."
2.25 p.m.—Variety. Request Programme arranged by Lynn Fraser.
2.30 p.m.—"Marlene's Moments"—Songs and Music of the 30s.
2.40 p.m.—London Relay: News.
2.45 p.m.—Studio: Piano Recital by Lulu Shafley.
2.50 p.m.—Symphony—Orchestral Solo.
2.55 p.m.—Close Down.

10.10 p.m.—Grounds "Fast" Acts 1 and 2, by the Artists: Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opera, Milan.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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